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## THE BROTHER IN BLACK—SOME HIGH-SOUNDING NAMES.

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It is needless to inform the initiated that the below-named organizations were brought into existence by and for the colored brethren. Uncle Remus has told us of "De Cha'ty Buryin' S'ciety, er de Bretherin en Sistern er Je'ycho," and of "De Breedin' Dove en Rastlin' Jacob S'ciety," and we have all heard of the Arkansas order whose title was "The Dusky Daughters of King Solomon's Concubines," but the below list of duly chartered organizations and societies in this State demonstrates that truth is more humorous than fiction.

It may be of some interest to biblical scholars to know that there was once an ark of the covenant in North America, to-wit:

"The United Brothers and Sisters of the Royal and Sacred Ark of the Covenant of North America" (Acts '87-8, p. 587), and that the mantle of Elijah has fallen upon his descendants in our capital city, as "The Sons of Elijah in Richmond" (Acts 1878, p. 273).

Among others are these:

- Sons and Daughters of Solomon, of King George county ('99-00, p. 521).
- Sons and Daughters of Zion, of Louisa county ('95-6, p. 345).
- Grand Order of the Peace and Light Society ('95-6, p. 166).
- Order of Sons and Daughters of Union Star ('83-4, p. 759).
- Independent Order of J. R. Giddings and Jollifee Union ('83-4, p. 759).
- Independent Order of the Star of Bethlehem and East Workman ('83-4, p. 759).
- Loving Travellers ('83-4, p. 760).
- Bright Morning Star of St. Paul ('83-4, p. 760).
- Grand Independent Order of the Knights of King Solomon ('87-8, p. 586).
- Ancient Order of Knights of Jerusalem ('84, p. 194).
- Grand United Order of the Morning Star Fraternity ('84, p. 193).
- Royal Knights of King David ('84, p. 194).
- Royal Independent Order of the Morning Star East Workmen ('84, p. 194).
- The Following Sons of Abraham Society ('79-80, p. 11).
- Grand Council of Grand Ancient Order of Sons and Daughters, Brothers and Sisters, of Moses in Virginia ('79-80, p. 51).
- Grand Ancient Order of Melchisedec, King of Peace ('79-80, p. 282).
- Zion Travellers ('78-79, p. 287).
- Messengers of Peace and Followers of Noah's Ark ('87, p. 541).
- Sons and Daughters of Joshua ('81-2, p. 131).
- Sons and Daughters of Young David ('91-2, p. 1167).
- Grand Lodge of the Rising Sons and Daughters of Job ('89-90, p. 1048).
- Sons and Daughters of Jacob, and the Following Sons of Jacob ('89-90, p. 1052).
- Working Sons of Hope ('83-4, p. 760).
- Sons and Daughters of Canaan ('78-79, p. 148).

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